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SUBJECT: OPEN SKIES - AMENDING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS TO
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COMPLY WITH ECJ DECISION

REF: SECSTATE 16394

1. THIS MESSAGE IS SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED - PROTECT
ACCORDINGLY. NOT FOR INTERNET DISTRIBUTION.

2. ECONOFF DELIVERED TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT ON JANUARY 21
TO DR. ALDO SANSONE (TRANSPORT MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS), TO DR. LUISA TIMPONE (INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FOR THE ITALIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY
ENAC) AND CONS. ARNALDO ABETI (FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR
RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL AVIATION ISSUES). DR. TIMPONE
WILL BE AT THE EU MEETING IN ATHENS ON JANUARY 24. DR.
SANSONE WILL BE AT THE ATHENS MEETING AND ALSO IN BRUSSELS ON
JANUARY 28.

3. THE RESPONSE WAS NON-COMMITTAL. SANSONE, TIMPONE AND
ABETI ALL SAID THAT THE GOI WOULD CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL
INTER-AGENCY AND DISCUSS IT WITH OTHER MEMBER STATES AND THE
COMMISSION. TIMPONE CAUTIONED THAT THE COMMISSION LIKELY
WOULD ARGUE STRONGLY AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.
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